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Outline

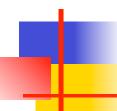
Introduction

- Single transverse spin asymmetry (SSA)
- Two mechanisms
- Connections

Sivers effect: a puzzle

- Sivers functions from SIDIS
- ETQS functions from pp
- "sign mismatch"
- Inconsistency?!

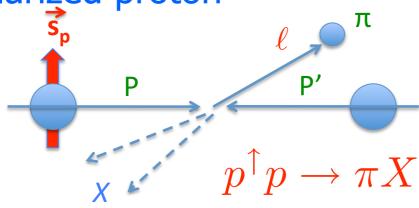
Summary



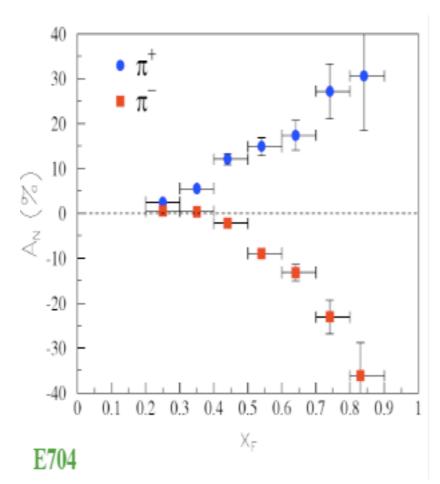
Single transverse spin asymmetry (SSA)

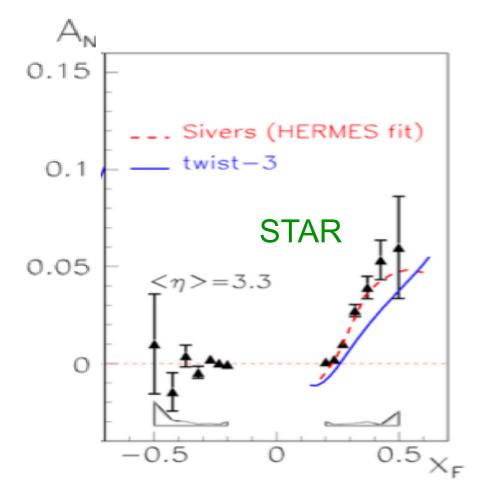
Consider a transversely polarized proton scatters with another

unpolarized proton

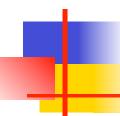


$$A_N \equiv \frac{\Delta \sigma(\ell, \vec{s})}{\sigma(\ell)} = \frac{\sigma(\ell, \vec{s}) - \sigma(\ell, -\vec{s})}{\sigma(\ell, \vec{s}) + \sigma(\ell, -\vec{s})}$$





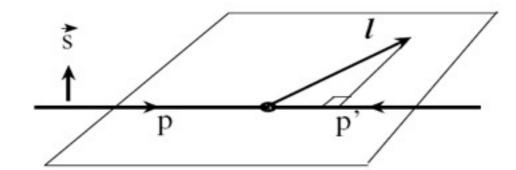
PHENIX
HERMES
COMPASS
JLAB, too



SSA corresponds to a T-odd triplet product

• SSA measures the correlation between the hadron spin and the production plane, which corresponds to $\vec{s}_p \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{\ell})$

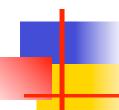
$$p^{\uparrow}p
ightarrow \pi(\ell)X$$



 Such a product is (naive) odd under time reversal (T-odd), thus they can arise in a time-reversal invariant theory (eg, QCD) only when there is a phase between different spin amplitudes

Nonvanishing A_N requires

a phase
a helicity flip
enough vectors to fix a scattering plane



SSA vanishes at leading twist in collinear factorization

At leading twist formalism: partons are collinear

Kane, Pumplin, Repko, 1978

$$\sigma(s_T) \sim \left| \begin{array}{c} \frac{p}{\overline{s_p}} \\ \downarrow \\ (a) \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{c} \frac{p}{\overline{s_p}} \\ \downarrow \\ (b) \end{array} \right| + \dots \right|^2 \Delta \sigma(s_T) \sim \text{Re}[(a)] \cdot \text{Im}[(b)]$$

- generate phase from loop diagrams, proportional to as
- \blacksquare helicity is conserved for massless partons, helicity-flip is proportional to current quark mass m_{q}

Therefore we have

$$A_N \sim \alpha_s \frac{m_q}{P_T} \to 0$$

■ $A_N \neq 0$: result of parton's transverse motion or correlations!

Two mechanisms to generate SSA in QCD

 TMD approach: Transverse Momentum Dependent distributions probe the parton's intrinsic transverse momentum

$$\sigma(p_h, s_\perp) \propto f_{a/A}(x, k_\perp) \otimes D_{h/c}(z, p_\perp) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{\mathrm{parton}}$$

- Sivers function: in Parton Distribution Function (PDF)
 Sivers 90
- Collins function: in Fragmentation Function (FF)
 Collins 93
- Collinear twist-3 factorization approach: net K_T information

$$\sigma(p_h, s_\perp) \propto \frac{1}{Q} f_{a/A}^{s_\perp}(x) \otimes D_{h/c}(z) \otimes \hat{\sigma}_{parton}$$

- Twist-3 three-parton correlation functions: Qiu-Sterman matrix element, ... Efremov-Teryaev 82, 84, Qiu-Sterman 91, 98, ...
- Twist-3 three-parton fragmentation functions:
 Koike, 02, Kang-Yuan-Zhou 2010, ...

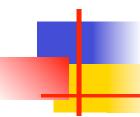
Relation between twist-3 and TMD approaches

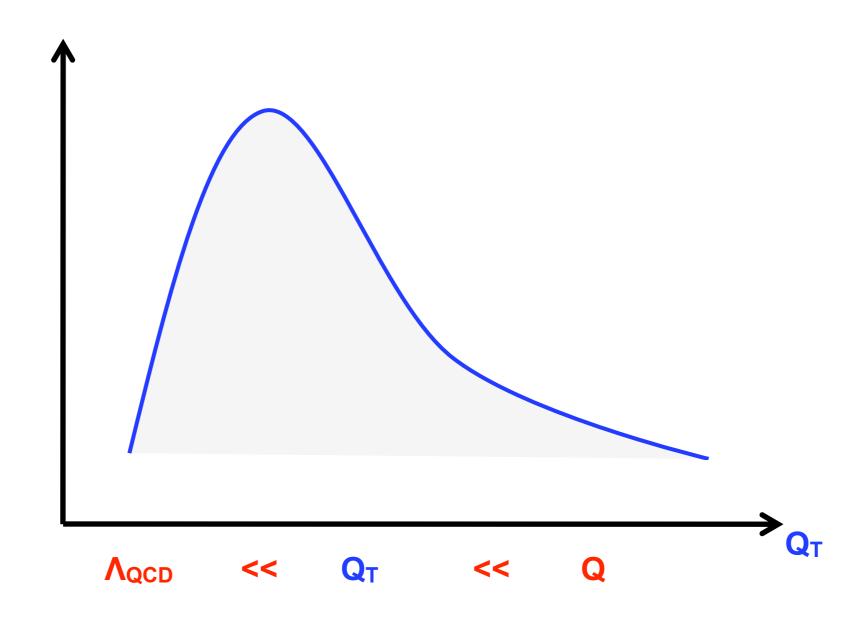
- They apply in different kinematic domain:
 - TMD approach: need TMD factorization, applies for the process with two observed momentum scales: DY at small Q_T <<Q

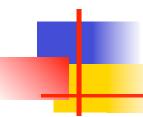
 $Q_1\gg Q_2$ Q_1 necessary for pQCD factorization to have a chance $Q_1\gg Q_2$ sensitive to parton's transverse momentum

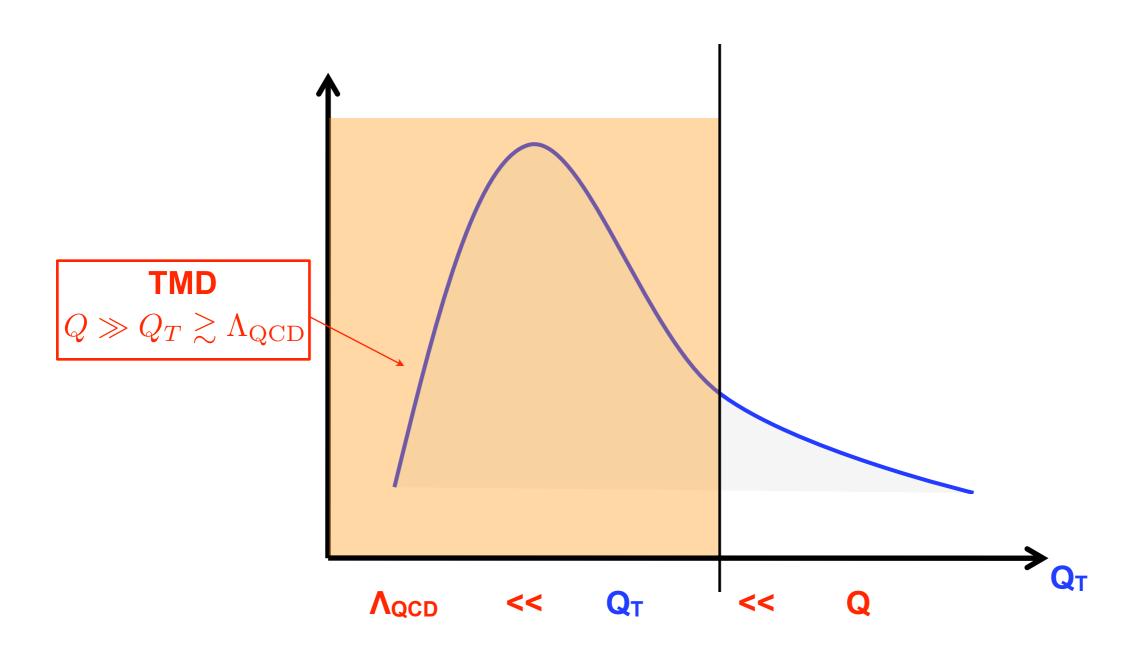
- Collinear factorization approach: more relevant for single scale hard process inclusive pion production at high p_T in pp collision
- They generate same results in the overlap region when they both apply:
 - Twist-3 three-parton correlation in distribution

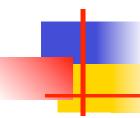
 Ji-Qiu-Vogelsang-Yuan, 2006, ...
 - Twist-3 three-parton correlation in fragmentation Collins function
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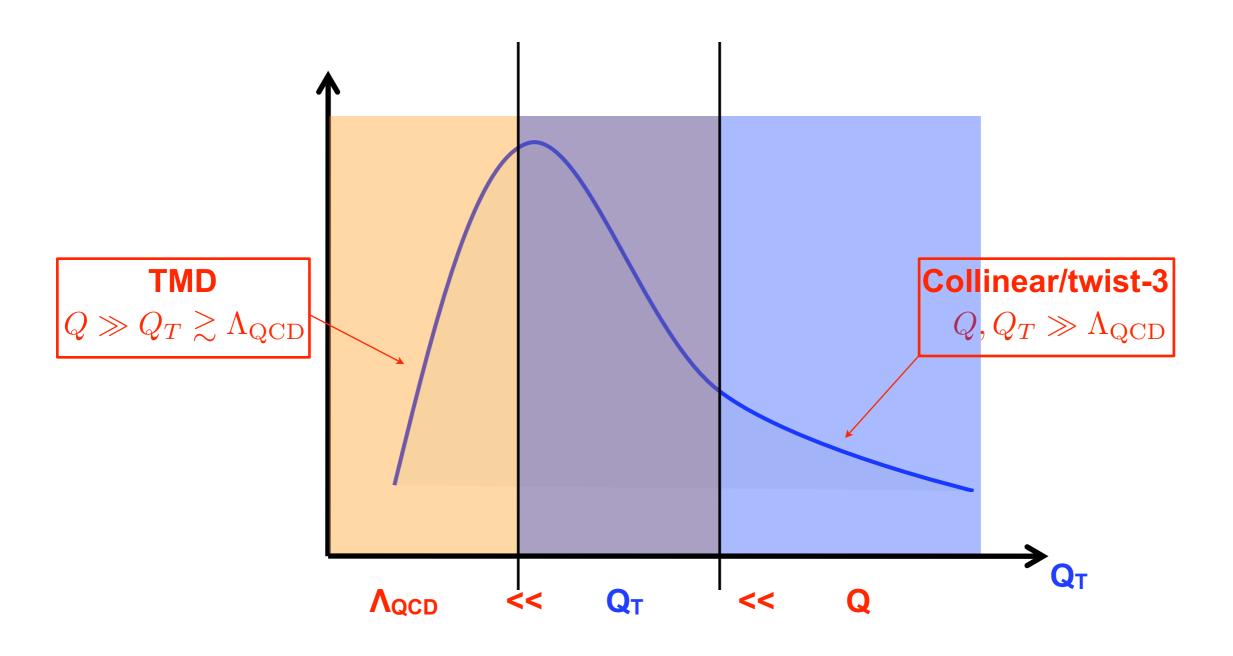


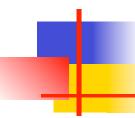


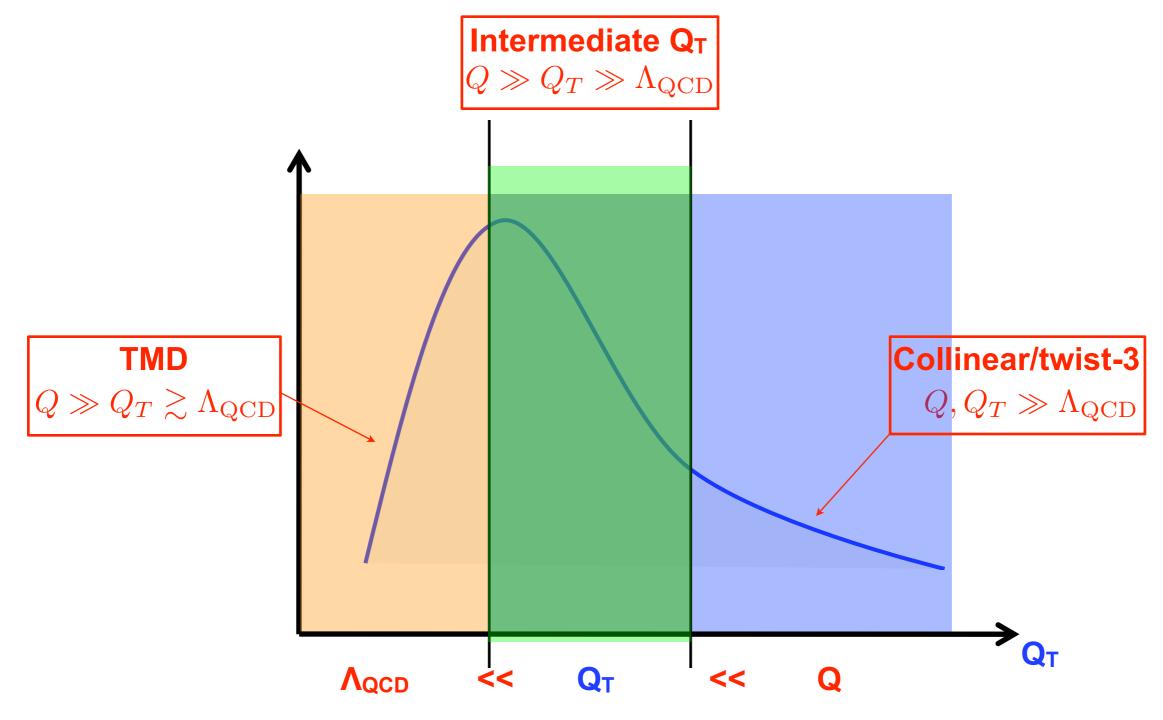






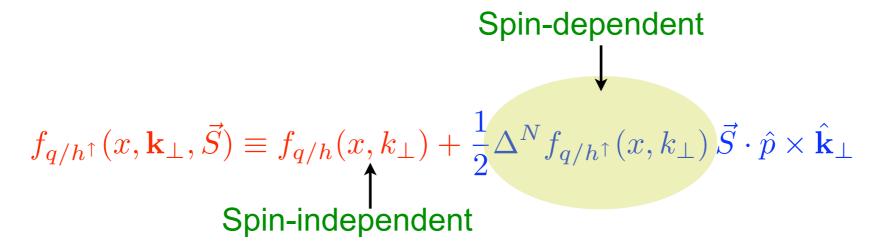






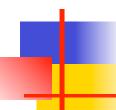
Transverse momentum dependent distribution (TMD)

 Sivers function: an asymmetric parton distribution in a polarized hadron (kt correlated with the spin of the hadron)



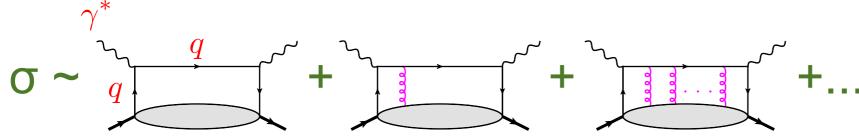


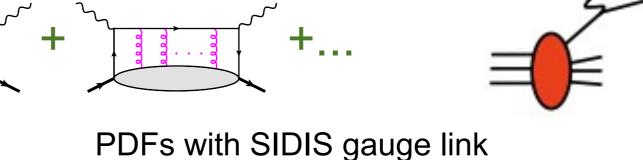
• Where does the phase come from?



From experiments to theory: QCD kt-factorization

- Existence of the Sivers function relies on the interaction between the active parton and the remnant of the hadron
 - SIDIS: final-state interaction

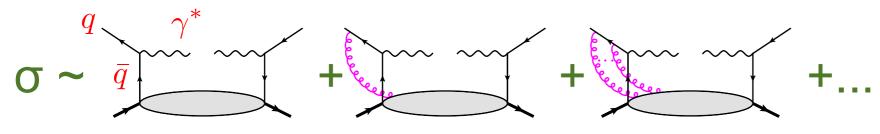






$$\mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_{y}^{\infty} d\lambda \cdot A(\lambda)}$$

Drell-Yan: initial-state interaction





PDFs with DY gauge link

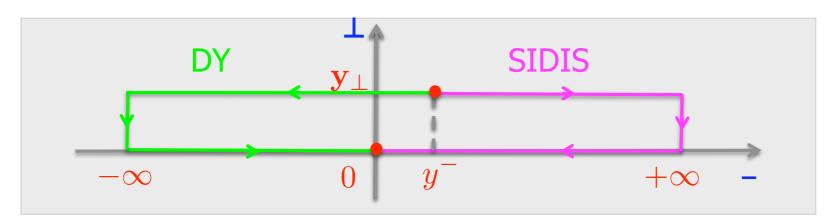
$$\mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_{y}^{-\infty} d\lambda \cdot A(\lambda)}$$

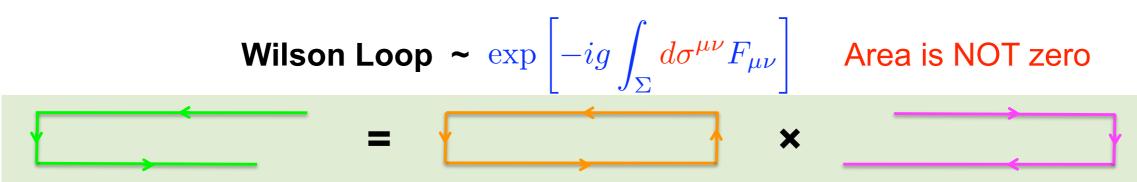


Non-universality of the Sivers function

Different gauge link for gauge-invariant TMD distribution in SIDIS and

 $\int_{q/h^{\uparrow}} (x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \vec{S}) = \int \frac{dy^{-} d^{2} y_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{3}} e^{ixp^{+}y^{-} - i \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{\perp}} \langle p, \vec{S} | \overline{\psi}(0^{-}, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}) \boxed{\mathbf{Gauge link}} \frac{\gamma^{+}}{2} \psi(y^{-}, \mathbf{y}_{\perp}) | p, \vec{S} \rangle$

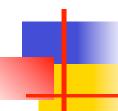




Parity and time-reversal invariance:

$$\Delta^{N} f_{q/h^{\uparrow}}^{\text{SIDIS}}(x, k_{\perp}) = - \Delta^{N} f_{q/h^{\uparrow}}^{\text{DY}}(x, k_{\perp})$$

Most critical test for TMD approach to SSA



Process-dependence: TMD vs collinear twist-3

- TMD approach: the process-dependence of the SSAs is completely absorbed into the process-dependence of the Sivers function
 - Sivers function is process-dependent

$$\sigma \sim H^{U} \otimes f(x, k_{\perp})$$

$$\Delta \sigma \sim \Delta H \otimes f_{1T}^{\perp}(x, k_{\perp})$$

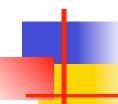
$$\Delta H = H^{U}$$

- Collinear twist-3 approach: the process-dependence of the SSAs is completely absorbed into the hard-part functions, thus the relevant collinear twist-3 correlation functions are universal
 - twist-3 correlation function is universal

$$\sigma \sim H^U \otimes f(x)$$

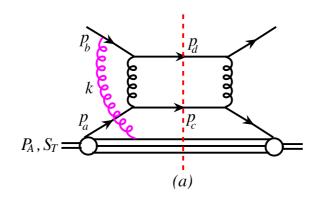
$$\Delta \sigma \sim \Delta H \otimes T_F(x, x)$$

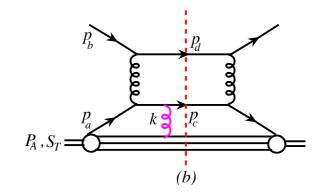
$$\Delta H = H^I + H^F$$



One example to show process dependence in twist-3

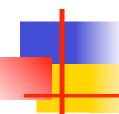
• For the process $pp^{\uparrow} \to \pi + X$, one of the partonic channel: $qq' \to qq'$





$$E_h \frac{d\Delta\sigma}{d^3P_h} \propto \epsilon^{P_{hT}S_A n\bar{n}} \sum_{a,b,c} D_{h/c}(z_c) \otimes f_{b/B}(x_b) \otimes T_{a,F}(x,x) \otimes H_{ab\to c}^{\mathrm{Siv}}$$
 Efremov-Teryaev-Qiu-Sterman (ETQS) function

- lacktriangle The effects of initial- and final-state interaction are absorbed to $H_{ab
 ightarrow c}^{
 m Siv}$
- ETQS function $T_{q,F}(x,x)$ is universal
- Since TMD and collinear twist-3 approaches provide a unified picture for the SSAs, ETQS function and Sivers function are closely related to each other



Success of TMD and collinear twist-3 approaches

 Both TMD and collinear twist-3 approaches are successful phenomenologically in their own kinematic domain

■ TMD approach: semi-inclusive hadron production at low p_T in deep inelastic

scattering (SIDIS) - two scales p_T and Q

$$\ell + p^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \ell' + \pi(p_T) + X : p_T \ll Q$$



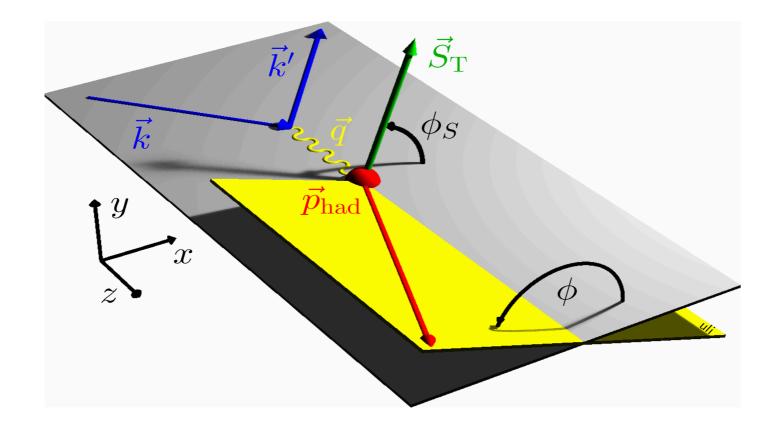
$$p + p^{\uparrow} \to \pi(p_T) + X : p_T \gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$$

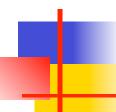


Current Sivers function from SIDIS

Sivers and Collins can be separately extracted from SIDIS

$$\Delta \sigma \propto A_{\rm UT}^{\rm Collins} \sin(\phi + \phi_{\rm S}) + A_{\rm UT}^{\rm Sivers} \sin(\phi - \phi_{\rm S})$$



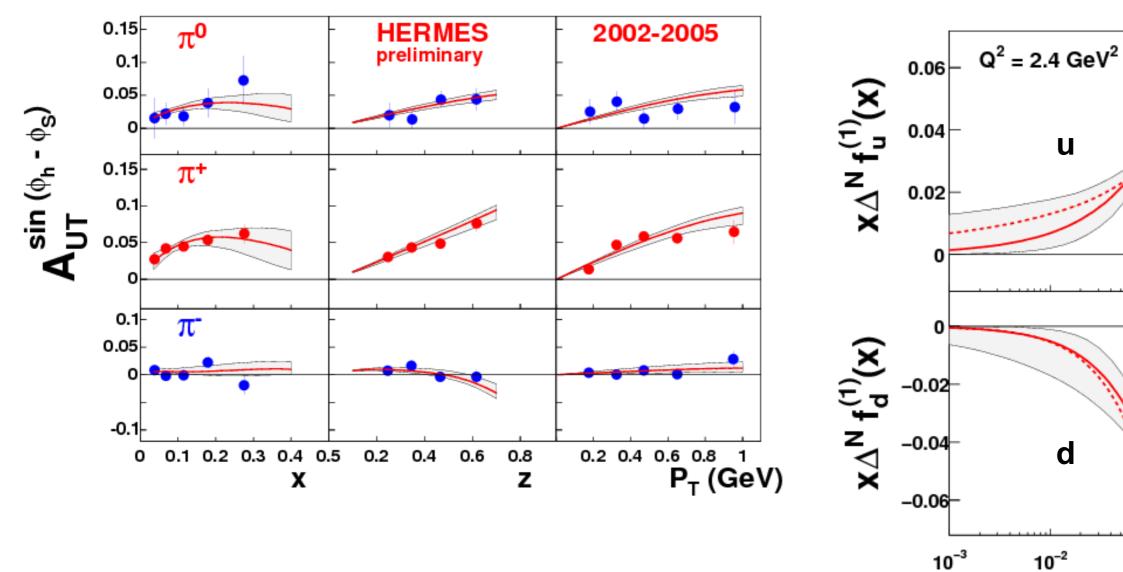


Sivers function from SIDIS: Current Global Analysis

Includes HERMES Proton data and COMPASS Deuteron data

Anselmino, et.al., 2009

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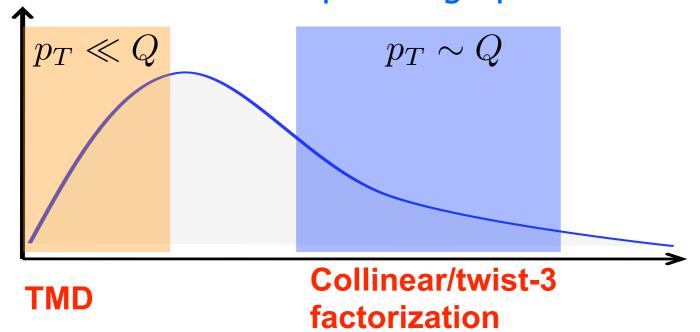
Also seem to work fine for Collins effect

X

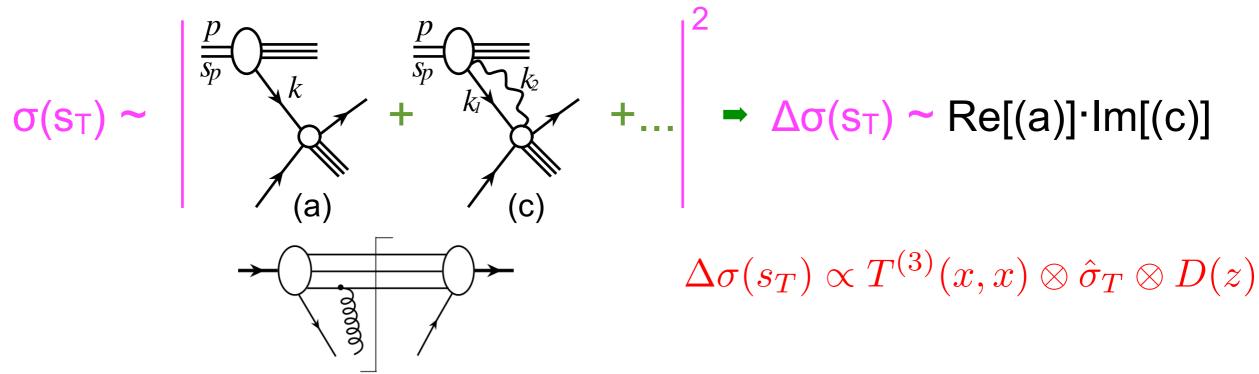


TMD factorization to collinear factorization

■ Transition from low p_T to high p_T



Collinear twist-3 factorization approach: Efremov-Teryaev 82, 84, Qiu-Sterman 91, 98

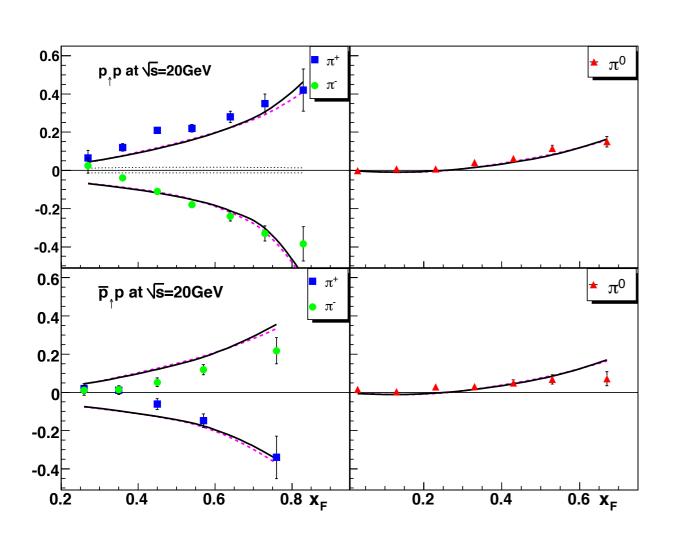


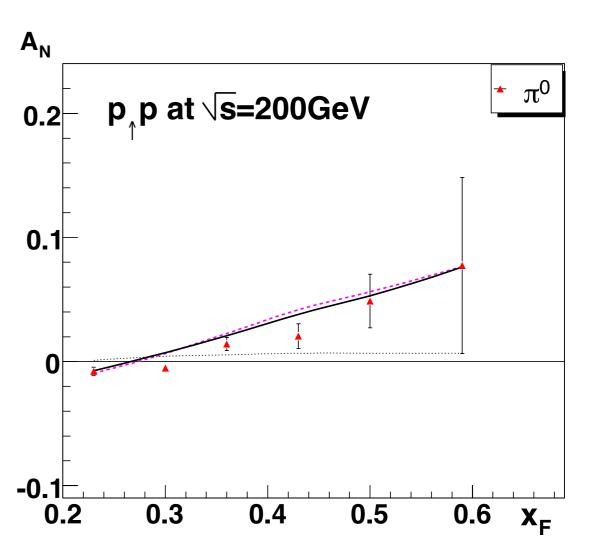


Twist-3 approach: initial success

 Describe both E704 and RHIC data simultaneously with a universal set of T_{q,F}(x,x)
 Kouvaris, Qiu, Vogelsang, Yuan, 2006

$$T_{q,F}(x,x) = N_q x^{\alpha_q} (1-x)^{\beta_q} \phi_q(x)$$





 Evolution has been derived for both twist-3 correlation function and fragmentation functions
 Kang, Qiu, 2009, Vogelsang, Yuan, 2009, Zh

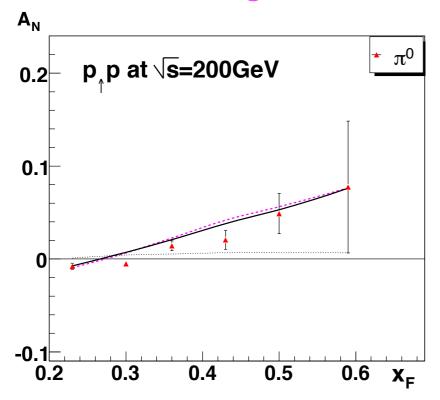
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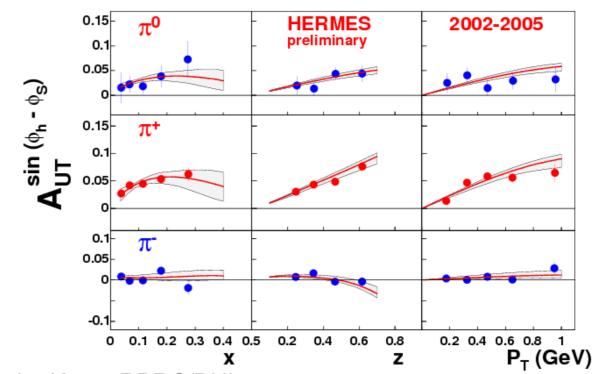
What about the connections?

- Both seem to describe the data well (in their own kinematic region), but what about their connections?

$$gT_{q,F}(x,x) = -\int d^2k_{\perp} \frac{|k_{\perp}|^2}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_{\perp}^2)|_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

- Left hand side: from $p + p^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \pi(p_T) + X$
- Right hand side: from $\ell + p^{\uparrow} \rightarrow \ell' + \pi(p_T) + X$
- There is a "sign mismatch"







Parametrization of Sivers function

- To extract the Sivers function, the following parametrization is used
 - unpolarized PDFs: $f_1^q(x, k_\perp^2) = f_1^q(x)q(k_\perp)$
 - Sivers function: $\Delta^N f_{q/h^{\uparrow}}(x, k_{\perp}) = 2\mathcal{N}_q(x) f_1^q(x) h(k_{\perp}) g(k_{\perp})$

 $\mathcal{N}_q(x)$ is a fitted function

$$g(k_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{\pi \langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle} e^{-k_{\perp}^2 / \langle k_{\perp}^2 \rangle}$$

old Sivers:
$$h(k_\perp) = \frac{2k_\perp M_0}{k_\perp^2 + M_0^2}$$

Anselmino, et.al, 2005

new Sivers:
$$h(k_\perp)=\sqrt{2e}\,\frac{k_\perp}{M_1}e^{-k_\perp^2/M_1^2}$$
 Anselmino, et.al, 2009

• Using $\Delta^N f_{q/A^\uparrow}(x,k_\perp) = -\frac{2k_\perp}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_\perp^2)$, one can obtain

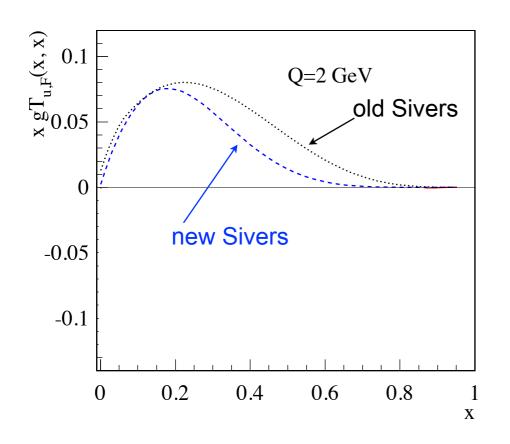
$$gT_{q,F}(x,x)|_{\text{old Sivers}} = 0.40f_1^q(x)\mathcal{N}_q(x)|_{\text{old}}$$

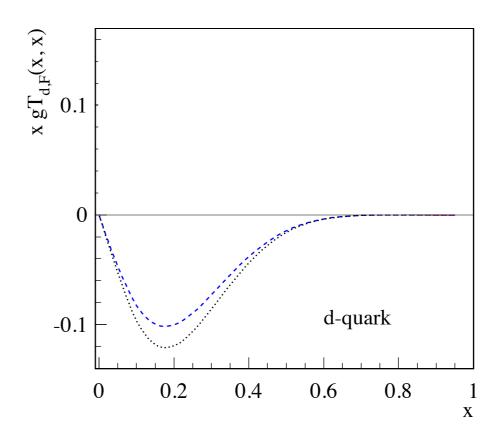
$$gT_{q,F}(x,x)|_{\text{new Sivers}} = 0.33f_1^q(x)\mathcal{N}_q(x)|_{\text{new}}$$



Indirectly obtained ETQS function

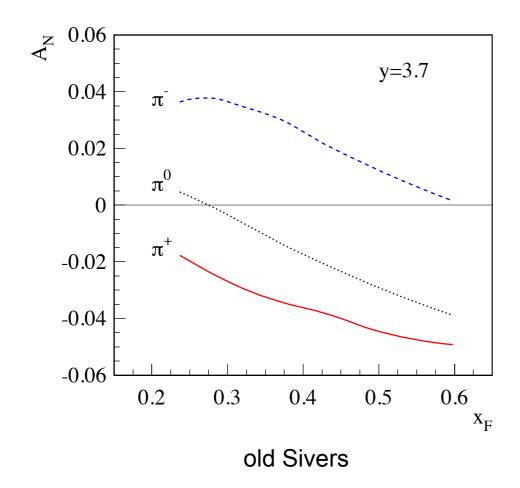
• The plot of indirectly obtained ETQS function $T_{q,F}(x, x)$

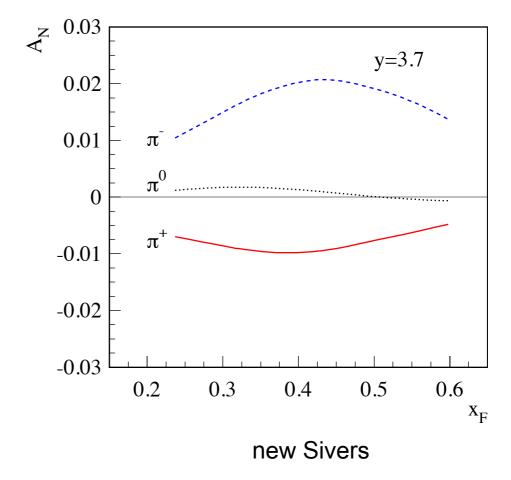




- ETQS function is positive for u-quark
- ETQS function is negative for d-quark

Use the ETQS function derived from the old Sivers and new Sivers functions, one could make predictions for the single inclusive hadron production. We find they are opposite to the experimental observations.

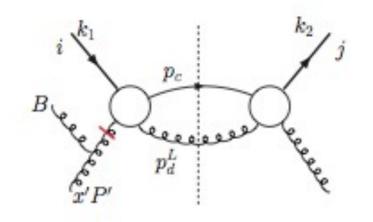


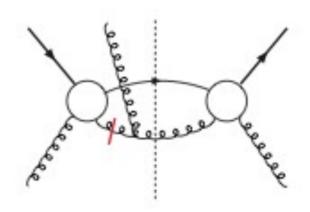




Initial- and final-state interaction in pp collisions

■ The dominant channel is qg → qg

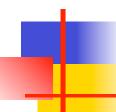




$$H_{qg \to qg}^{U} = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c^2} \left[-\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{u}} - \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right] \left[1 - \frac{2N_c^2}{N_c^2 - 1} \frac{\hat{s}\hat{u}}{\hat{t}^2} \right] \xrightarrow{|\hat{t}| \ll \hat{s} \sim |\hat{u}|} \left[\frac{2\hat{s}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \right]$$

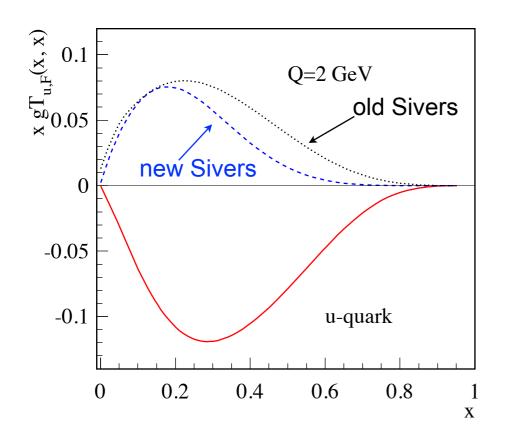
$$H_{qg \to qg}^{I} = \frac{1}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \left[-\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{u}} - \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right] \left[1 - N_c^2 \frac{\hat{u}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \right] \xrightarrow{|\hat{t}| \ll \hat{s} \sim |\hat{u}|} \left(\left[-\frac{N_c^2}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \right] \left[\frac{2\hat{s}^2}{\hat{t}^2} \right] \right]$$

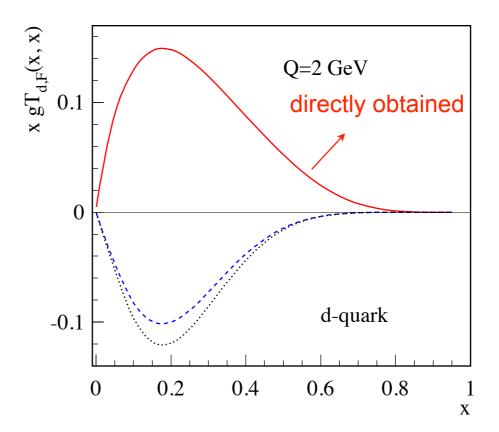
$$H_{qg \to qg}^{F} = \frac{1}{2N_{c}^{2}(N_{c}^{2} - 1)} \left[-\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{u}} - \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{s}} \right] \left[1 + 2N_{c}^{2} \frac{\hat{s}\hat{u}}{\hat{t}^{2}} \right] \xrightarrow{|\hat{t}| \ll \hat{s} \sim |\hat{u}|} \left[-\frac{1}{N_{c}^{2} - 1} \right] \left[\frac{2\hat{s}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} \right]$$



Directly obtained ETQS function

 ETQS function could be directly obtained from the global fitting of inclusive hadron production in hadronic collisions





 directly obtained ETQS functions for both u and d quarks are opposite in sign to those indirectly obtained from the kt-moment of the quark Sivers function -"a sign mismatach"

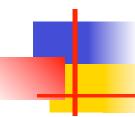
Question

Does this apparent sign "mismatch" indicate an inconsistency in our current QCD formalism for describing the SSAs?



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The answer is possibly yes, but not necessarily.



Scenario I

- Let us assume the directly obtained ETQS function from inclusive hadron production reflects the true sign of these functions.
- In such case, to make everything consistent, we need to explain how the sign of the kt-moment of the Sivers function is different from the sign of the Sivers function.

$$gT_{q,F}(x,x) = -\int d^2k_{\perp} \frac{|k_{\perp}|^2}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_{\perp}^2)|_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

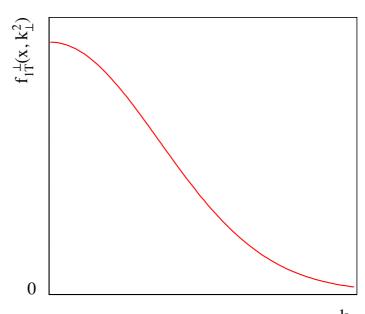


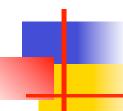
What could go wrong - Scenario I

 To obtain ETQS function, one needs the full kt-dependence of the quark Sivers function

$$gT_{q,F}(x,x) = -\int d^2k_{\perp} \frac{|k_{\perp}|^2}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_{\perp}^2)|_{\text{SIDIS}}$$

- However, the Sivers functions are extracted mainly from HERMES data at rather low Q²~2.4 GeV², and TMD formalism is only valid for the kinematic region kt << Q.</p>
 - HERMES data only constrain the behavior (or the sign) of the Sivers function at very low kt $\sim \Lambda_{QCD}$.
 - The current Torino group has assumed that a Gaussian-type kt-dependence, thus low kt and high kt has the same sign, which needs not to be true.



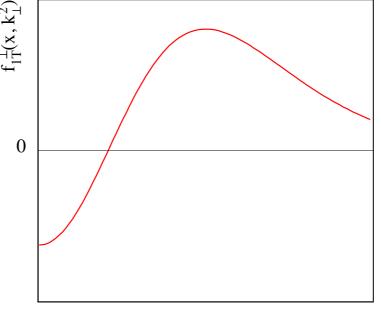


Sivers function needs not to be positive

 Sivers function corresponds to the difference between two PDFs, and thus could be negative, or even have a node

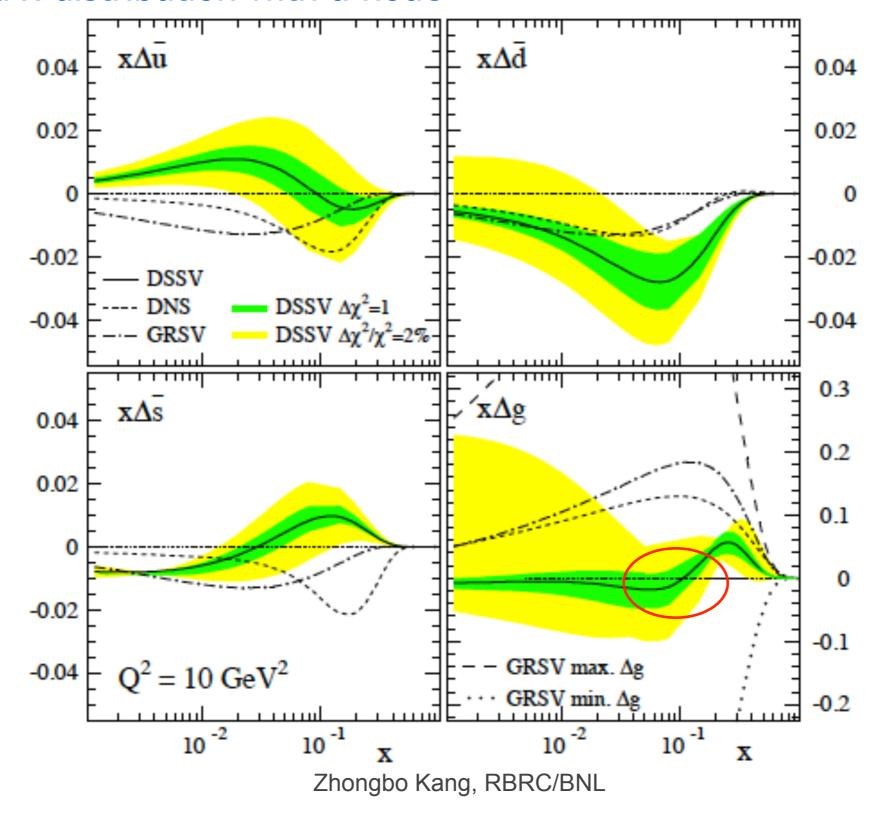
$$\Delta^{N} f_{q/h\uparrow}(x, k_{\perp}) \vec{S} \cdot \hat{p} \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{\perp} = f_{q/h\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \vec{S}) - f_{q/h\uparrow}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, -\vec{S})$$

- node situation: if $f_{q/h^{\uparrow}}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, \vec{S})$ and $f_{q/h^{\uparrow}}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}, -\vec{S})$ are both Gaussian, but with different width, one could immediately find out the Sivers function could have the following kt-behavior
- The kt-moment of the Sivers function now will depends on the competition between low kt and high kt. It is possible that the high kt region wins, thus the sign of the kt-moment is actually opposite to the sign of the Sivers function itself at low kt.



Difference of distributions has a node is not new

• Current best fit for gluon helicity distribution function $\Delta g(x)$ seems to favor a x-distribution with a node

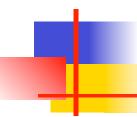




Measure kt-dependence of Sivers function

- To test whether we have a sign change in the kt-distribution (or have a node), we need to expand the reach of kt in the SIDIS
 - With a much broader Q and energy coverage
 - a Electron Ion Collider might be ideal
- A new global fitting including both SIDIS and pp data is underway:
 - Explore the possibility of a node in kt space or x space

Kang, Prokudin, in preparation



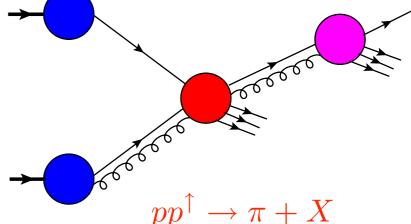
Scenario II

- Let assume the indirectly obtained (from the kt-moment of the Sivers function) ETQS function reflects the true sign of these functions
- In such case, to make everything consistent, we need to explain why
 we obtain a sign-mismatched ETQS function by analyzing the inclusive
 hadron data

$$gT_{q,F}(x,x) = -\int d^2k_{\perp} \frac{|k_{\perp}|^2}{M} f_{1T}^{\perp q}(x,k_{\perp}^2)|_{SIDIS}$$

Single inclusive hadron production is complicated

- There are two major contributions to the SSAs of the single inclusive hadron production in pp collisions
 - Twist-3 three-parton corrlation functions (PDFs)
 - Twist-3 three-parton fragmentation functions



- So far the calculations related to three-parton correlation functions
 are more complete, while those related to the twist-3 fragmentation
 functions are available only very recently (not complete) καηρ-Υμάη-Ζήου 2010
 - The current available global fittings are based on the assumptions that the SSAs mainly come from the twist-3 correlation functions, which might not be the case
 - If the contribution from the twist-3 fragmentation functions dominates, one might even reverse the sign of the ETQS function?

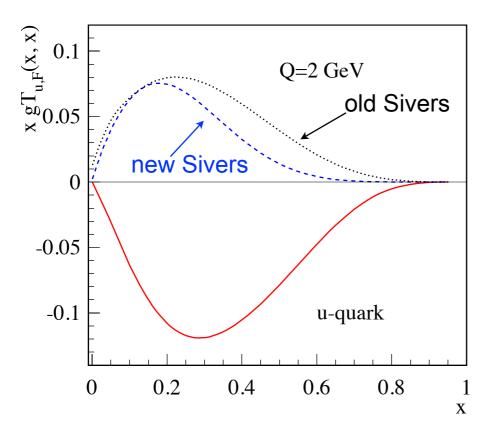
$$A_N = A_N |^{\text{PDFs}} + A_N |^{\text{FFs}}$$

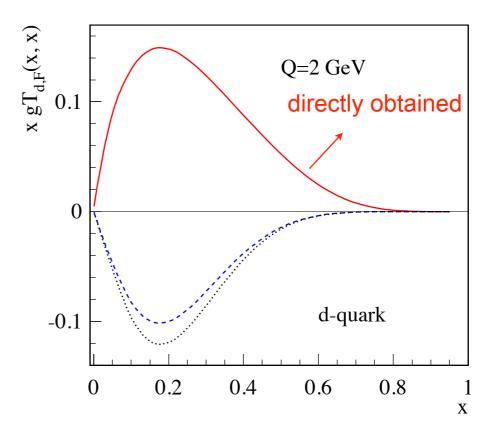
If
$$A_N|^{\text{FFs}} > A_N$$
, sign of $A_N|^{\text{PDFs}}$ is opposite to A_N



Distinguish scenario I and II

Scenario I and II are completely different from each other



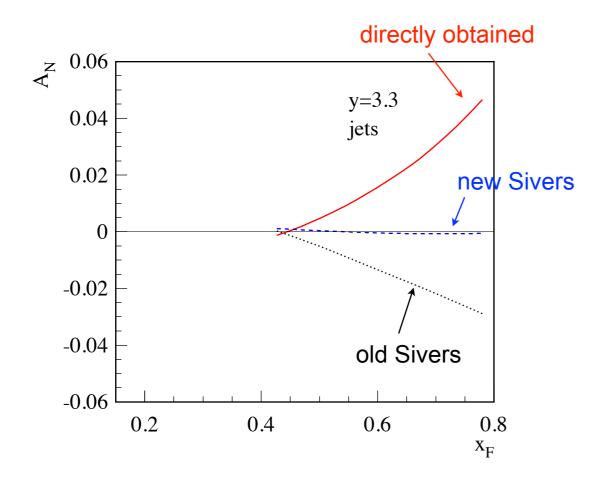


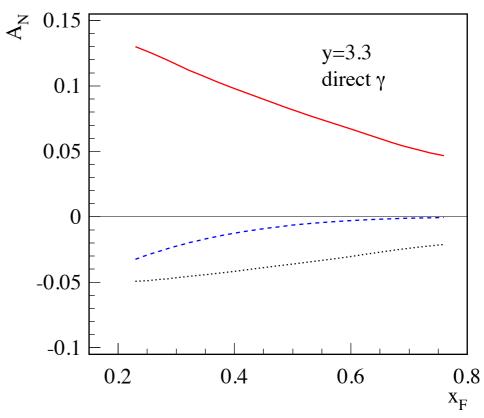
To distinguish one from the other, in hadronic machine (like RHIC), one needs to find observables which are sensitive to twist-3 correlation function (not fragmentation function), such as single inclusive jet production, direct photon production



Predictions for jet and direct photon

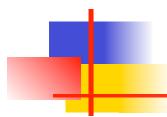
at RHIC 200 GeV:





Summary

- Much progress has made in understanding single transverse spin asymmetry
 - Both TMD and collinear twist-3 approaches seem to be successful phenomenologically
- Their connection seems to have a puzzle
 - Directly obtained ETQS functions are opposite in sign to those indirectly obtained from the kt-moment of the quark Sivers function
 - This sign mismatch does not necessarily lead to any inconsistency in our current formalism for describing the SSAs
 - Future experiments could help resolve different scenarios, which will help understand the SSAs and hadron structure better



Backup



Definition of A_N in experiments

